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Supervisor Rutherford meets with medical staff at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center who treated patients following the terrorist attack on Dec. 2, 2015, that claimed 14 lives and wounded more than 20 people.

Be so good they can't
ignore you.

—Steve Martin

DA Offers Support for Crime Victims

The San Bernardino County District Attorney's office gives crime victims a voice in the justice system while its Bureau of Victim Services offers them a shoulder to lean on as they deal with the emotional and financial implications of their ordeals.

"It helps them understand the system better," San Bernardino County District Attorney Victims Services Chief Florida Alarcon said. "It's important for them to

have an advocate they can talk to who knows the resources in the community and can get them the help they need."

A murder victim's family, for example, may seek help applying for reimbursement from the the California Victims Compensation Program for funeral costs, grief counseling or other expenses related to the crime.

Advocates also help crime victims understand the court

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Group Provides Life Mentors for Youth



In 2007, Etiwanda High School music teacher Dr. Gayle Serdan and one of her colleagues set out to develop a mentoring program where mentors built healthy relationships with youth and inspired them to succeed in the classroom and beyond.

"It's more than just going out to play baseball on weekends," said Serdan, who lives in Upland. "You are having conversations about life and learning about their cultures and who they really are."

Serdan and Etiwanda High School English teacher Dr. Torie Weiston teamed up to start the mentoring program with about 20 students at a local high school. The group continued to grow, and by 2010, the two were ready to form a nonprofit and offer their program to other schools.

Since then, hundreds of students have sought guidance and support through the Youth Mentoring Action Network, which enlists the help of volunteer mentors from various professions ranging from business to music.

"Everybody in life needs someone to help them to get from point A to point B," Etiwanda High School student Kierra Jones, 16, said.

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Local Magician Gets Up Close with Fans

An encounter with a professional magician at Dave and Busters in Ontario nearly two decades ago lead The Phil Factor—a.k.a. Phil Jennerjohn of Rancho Cucamonga—to pursue magic as a profession.

Phil, 44, had always dabbled in magic and has fond memories of his grandfather performing tricks for him, but he didn't catch that magic fever until he met Gilbert Hoffner performing "close up magic" at the restaurant.

Close up magic, as Phil explained, is an "in your face" intimate form of magic performed directly in front of a small audience, sometimes only two people at a table.

"In my opinion, it's the most difficult type of magic to perform," he said. "There's typically nothing to hide without people seeing, and that's what they love about it!"

Phil couldn't get enough magic after he and Gilbert became friends, and pretty soon, he was seeking out a local restaurant where he could wow customers with the magic tricks he was beginning to perfect.

After getting turned down by multiple eateries, Phil finally scored his first gig at El Gato Gordo in Upland. He worked there until the restaurant closed, and along the way, he built a reputation as a world-class slight of hand artist and top-notch entertainer.

He branded himself The Phil Factor about five years ago because he wanted something catchy and memorable.

He currently performs for customers at The Heights Bar and Grill in Upland from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Fridays, and he is in constant demand working various private parties and corporate events throughout Southern California on weekends and evenings.

"It's a domino effect," he said. "My client base has just grown and grown over the years."

He also performs at the world famous Magic Castle in Hollywood and has hosted his own Dinner & Magic shows at the Citizens Business Bank Arena VIP Club and San Antonio Winery.

Phil likes to use comedy to make people laugh like while incorporating the magic tricks he has learned over the years.

He has developed new many tricks throughout his career, and he recently unveiled a trick he's been working on for two years.

"You are constantly honing and refining the routines and the magic you do," he said.

Of course, there are some whoops moments like that time at the Magic Castle where he tossed a billiard ball in the air to

turn it into a deck of cards and the crowd clearly heard the ball thud when it hit the stage floor.

"I just said, 'Sometimes magic sounds like a ball landing on the floor.' Everybody laughed and I moved on."

Phil has a day job working at a local distribution center, but he is devoted to his performing his magic shows as often as he is hired.

"I am a magician by trade and an entertainer by heart; I truly love what I do," he said. "Some day I will retire and devote even more time and effort to it."

Learn more about The Phil Factor at these links:

<http://www.thephilfactormagic.com>

<https://plus.google.com/116528209579962758087/about>

<http://www.yelp.com/biz/the-phil-factor-rancho-cucamonga>



Phil Jennerjohn of Rancho Cucamonga transformed his love of magic into a thriving small business. He performs at private and corporate events in Southern California and at The Heights Bar and Grill in Upland on Fridays.

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process, keep them apprised of important court hearings, and occasionally they sit quietly next to victims on the witness stand.

“That seems to ease the stress for some victims,” Alarcon said.

After the terrorist shooting at the Inland Regional Center on Dec. 2 that claimed 14 lives and left more than 20 wounded, victim advocates coordinated with the FBI so survivors and the families of those killed could retrieve items left behind in addition to helping them apply for the state compensation program.

Victim Services recently added two canine advocates to its staff of 23. Lupe and Dozer—both specially trained Labrador Retrievers—often work with children and are trained to work with the developmentally disabled persons and the elderly. The dogs ease victims’ anxiety, making it easier for prosecutors and investigators to get the information they need to build a solid criminal case.

“It’s a tremendous help when you are being asked to talk about something horrible that happened to you,” Alarcon said.

Advocates help crime victims who have had property stolen complete the paperwork needed to request restitution be ordered by the court.

Some crime victims go uncompensated for years because the criminals who victimized them don’t have jobs to pay the restitution that has been ordered, but when the criminals are employed, their wages can be garnered by court order.

There are times when victims decline the help because they think they can get through it without support.

“They are so overwhelmed thinking about the loss of their loved one that they aren’t thinking about themselves,” Alarcon said. “We let them know the program is here for them if they change their mind.”

They also inform them about deadlines victims have to apply for assistance. Adult victims have one year from the date of a crime to submit a claim to the California Victim Compensation Program, while minors have up to three years after they turn 18.

“We encourage them to at least fill out the application even if they are not interested,” Alarcon said.

Children are especially impacted when a parent, sibling or close loved one is murdered or killed in a drunk driving crash. That’s why the District Attorney’s office partnered with Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital to host Camp Good Grief.

Located in the serene San Bernardino County Mountains, the free, three-day camp offers children between the ages of 10 and 16 the opportunity to speak with counselors about their loss. They also get to talk to other children who have had similar experiences.

“It’s really beneficial for the kids,” Alarcon said. “Plus they get to participate in activities like hiking and zip lining and enjoy just being kids.”

Learn more about the Bureau of Victim Services at <http://www.sbcountyda.org/HelpingVictims.aspx>.

2nd District Trivia

Last Issue’s Answer: Fifth District Supervisor Nancy Smith was the first woman to serve as Chair of the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors. She served two terms as Chair during her tenure on the Board.

Question: What was the name of the dirt path that later became Foothill Boulevard (Route 66)?

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Kierra chose Serdan as her mentor during a Youth Mentoring Action Network event at a local indoor rock-climbing venue.

The nonprofit doesn't match mentors with mentees using the typical strategies. Due to the group's emphasis on youth voice and youth-centered programming, it allows young people to choose mentors they think will be the best fit for them.

"We connected because I liked the way she was able to express her love of mentoring," Kierra said.

Now, the two meet every Thursday or whenever Kierra needs to talk. They chat about what's going on in Kierra's personal life and discuss how she can better prepare for her future.

"It's made it easier for me to communicate with other adults both inside and outside of school," said Kierra, who participated in a six-week study program at the University of Southern California with the help of her mentor.

The Youth Mentoring Action Network is constantly seeking volunteers interested in becoming mentors. The group provides a couple of days of training, and each mentor is asked to make a long-term commitment to the program and their mentees.

"This is not something you do for just four years," Serdan said. "In order to be a great mentor, it's a lifetime commitment."

Learn more by visiting <http://www.mentoringactionnetwork.org>.

Upcoming Events

April 19	Enjoy an outdoor movie with the family every Tuesday in the Chaffey Town Square at Victoria Gardens in Rancho Cucamonga. Shows start at dusk. visit www.RCPark.com for more information.
April 21	The 2016 Trivia Challenge—a fundraiser for the RC Libration Foundation—will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Victoria Gardens Cultural Center in Rancho Cucamonga. Call (909) 809-0317 for information.
April 22	Enjoy breakfast and conversation with San Bernardino County Second District Supervisor Janice Rutherford and newly appointed Auditor-Controller, Treasurer/Tax Collector Oscar Valdez at 8 a.m. at the Mt. Baldy Lodge located at 6777 Mt. Baldy Road. Breakfast costs \$12. Send RSVP to sbd2rsvp@gmail.com or call (909) 387-4833.
April 27	The Mobile Fresh Bus—a farmer's market on wheels—stops by the James L. Brulte Senior Center from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. every other Wednesday. Residents are invited to purchase fresh, local produce and dairy products.
April 29-May 1	The Lemon Festival returns to historic downtown Upland. Enjoy a weekend full of live entertainment, contests, games, food and, of course, lots of lemony treats! The event times are as follows: Friday, 3 to 11 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Visit www.UplandLemonFestival.com to learn more.
May 7	The City of Rancho Cucamonga and Northtown Housing Corporation will host a Cinco de Mayo celebration from 1 to 6 p.m. at Old Town Park located at 10033 Feron Boulevard. Enjoy live entertainment, food, pony rides and more. Call (909) 980-0465 for more information.
May 14	Upland Animal Services will host a pet adoption faire from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Memorial Park in Upland. Come find your fur-ever friend or just enjoy the food, demonstrations, and other activities. Call (909) 931-4185 for more information.
May 14	The 11th annual Cucamonga Challenge begins at 7 a.m. at Central Park located at 11200 Base Line Road in Rancho Cucamonga. Events include 5k and 10k runs, a 35-mile bike ride, and an 8-mile family bike ride. Visit www.cucamongachallenge.com for more information.
May 21	The 21st annual George Lee Memorial Pancake Breakfast will take place from 8 to 11 a.m. at San Antonio Park. Funds raised at the event will support the Citizens on Patrol program in San Antonio Heights and Mt. Baldy.
June 2-5	Fontana Days returns for its 61st year with lots of food, music, games and more family-friendly activities. The event takes place at Veteran's Memorial Park in Fontana at the following times: Thursday, 5 to 10 p.m.; Friday, 5 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 10 p.m. The Fontana Days Parade is schedule to start at 11 a.m. on Saturday.
June 11-12	The Antique & Classic Wooden Boat Show returns to Lake Arrowhead. Antique boats will vie for trophies and can be viewed up close at the Lake Arrowhead Village docks. On display throughout the village will be vintage woodie cars, hot rods, antique wooden boat models and early outboard motors. Antique boats will also be for sale throughout the village. The event takes place on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Dates and times are subject to change without notice. Please contact Supervisor Rutherford's office at (909) 387-4833 if you have any questions or suggestions for the Events Calendar. You can view information about more local events on Supervisor Rutherford's home page at www.sbcounty.gov/rutherford.